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Airport Escort Screening Courtesies Program 68th United Nations General Assembly September 24 – October 1, 2013

The following information is intended to serve as a quick reference for embassy personnel tasked with requesting Airport Escort Screening Courtesies (AESC) for eligible dignitaries participating in the 68th United Nations General Assembly.

Comprehensive information concerning the AESC Program is available at www.state.gov/ofm/esc/index.htm. The AESC Program is managed by the Department's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM).

Important Reminders

- The **AESC Program addresses only departures from designated U.S. Airports** and is **completely separate** from the Courtesies of the Port Program for arriving dignitaries which is administered by the Department's Office of the Chief of Protocol.
- Embassies are strongly encouraged to submit initial forms as early as possible, assure that the point of contact is available at all times, and send in changes as quickly as possible.
- Airport escort screening courtesies will only be available if the eligible dignitary is NOT escorted by a United States Secret Service or Bureau of Diplomatic Security detail.
- OFM can be contacted concerning AESC during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm ET), at (202) 895-3500 ext. 4 or at Escortscreening@state.gov.
- After normal business hours, embassies may contact the Bureau of Diplomatic Security's Command Center by telephone at (571) 345-3146 or 1-866-217-2089 and ask to be connected to OFM's Duty Officer.